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E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS:MPOL,EAIR,BE
SUBJECT: COMPASS COPE

REF: STATE 232305

SUMMARY: BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS FINALLY DECIDED ON MEANS TO
HANDLE USG REQUEST FOR ITS ADVICE CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL.
END SUMMARY.

1.IN ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER BELGIAN GOVERNMENT
WOULD PERMIT ROUTINE PEACETIME OPERATION OF COMPASS
COPE SYSTEM IN ITS AIRSPACE,WE HAVE BEEN REFERRED BACK AND FORTH
BETWEEN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS
(CIVIL AVIATION)AND BELGIAN AIR FORCE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
IT EVENTUALLY BECAME OBVIOUS THAT NONE OF THESE FELT
COMPETENT OR WERE WILLING TO HANDLE THE ISSUE.

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2.MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (ASSISTANT CHEF DE CABINET,COL.LEFEBVRE)
FINALLY AGREED ON DECEMBER 16 TO ANALYSE THE QUESTION POSED AND
TO DO THE NECESSARY COORDINATION WITHIN THE
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GIVE US A REPLY.
WE HAVE PROVIDED COL.LEFEBVRE WITH ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE
TO US ON COMPASS COPE AND STRESSED THAT,WITH THE COOPERATION OF

U.S.MILITARY EXPERTS,WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
PRESENT A DETAILED,TECHNICAL BRIEFING.

3.BELGIANS HAVE PROMISED TO REPLY AND WE WILL FOLLOW UP.
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